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*Via DHL Express – Overnight*

Honorable Anne K. Quinlan  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20024

**Re: STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 1X),  
New York Central Lines, LLC – Abandonment  
Exemption in Middlesex County, MA**

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

By decision and notice of interim trail use or abandonment (“NITU”) served on October 12, 2001 (the “NITU Decision”), the Board, under 49 U.S.C. 10502, exempted from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903, the abandonment by New York Central Lines, LLC (“NYC”) of 4.80 miles of railroad known as the Albany Division, Fitchburg Subdivision, extending from milepost QBS 0.00 at Framingham to milepost QBS 4.80 at South Sudbury, in Middlesex County, MA (the “Line”), subject to trail use, public use, and standard employee protective conditions.

The NITU decision authorized the Town of Sudbury (“Sudbury”) to negotiate with the NYC for interim trail use/rail banking for a portion of the 1.4-mile portion of line (the “Sudbury Line”) that extends north from the Framingham town line at MP QBS 3.40 to the intersection of the former Penn Central Transportation Company line at MP QBS 4.80.

Although the current extension of the negotiating period expires on May 18, 2008, CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”), as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC, has not consummated the abandonment of the Sudbury Line, and has been unable to finalize negotiations with Sudbury. Nevertheless, CSXT and Sudbury have continued to negotiate for trail use and hope to reach agreement soon with respect to the Sudbury Line. (As information, Sudbury has acknowledged they will file a letter of support with the Board confirming their willingness to continue negotiating with CSXT for the Sudbury Line.)

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Therefore, CSXT respectfully requests the Board grant a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating deadline with respect to the Sudbury Line to November 14, 2008. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment with respect to the Sudbury Line to January 13, 2009.

In addition, the remaining 3.4-mile portion of the Line (the "Framingham Line"), which portion of the Line extends from milepost QBS 0.00 at Framingham to milepost QBS 3.40 at the Framingham town line (the "Framingham Line"), is also subject to the Negotiating Deadline. However, CSXT also has not consummated the abandonment with respect to the Framingham Line, has been unable to finalize NITU negotiations with the Town of Framingham ("Framingham") with respect to the Framingham Line, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with Framingham with respect to the Framingham Line. Therefore, CSXT respectfully requests the Board grant a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating deadline with respect to the Framingham Line to November 14, 2008. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment with respect to the Framingham Line to January 13, 2009.

Accordingly, CSXT respectfully requests that the Board grant the NITU extension request.

Enclosed please find the original and ten copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$350.00.

Thank you for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,



Steven C. Armbrust

cc Parties of Record